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Visitor to Iran says hostages in CIA

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Linda Brown narrowed her eyes and said the American hostages in Iran are "murderers and destroyers."

Ms. Brown, 27, arrived in Cincinnati Tuesday after returning from Iran on her way to her home in San Francisco, Calif.

SHE LEFT her 4-year-old daughter with friends, packed her bags, and went to Iran for three months, spending three weeks of that time in jail.

Affiliated with the Committee to Support the Iranian Revolution, Ms. Brown said her visit in Iran convinced her that Americans are "concerned but confused" about the hostage situation.

"Who are the hostages? They have nothing to do with me," she said. "Most of them are high-ranking CIA officials. The CIA has never, and never will, represent the best interests of the American people. They are murderers and destroyers—these

are the hostages."

Ms. Brown, who will air her views on the Iranian situation in a speech this Saturday at Tangelman University Center at University of Cincinnati, said she supports the students who took over the embassy in Tehran, almost a year ago.

She said members of the CIA working at the embassy were plotting to stop the growing revolution in Iran after the Shah had been ousted.

MS. BROWN ARRIVED in Iran

in April, the day after eight servicemen were killed in a helicopter crash during the United States' aborted attempt to free the hostages.

"I was arrested on my way back from Kurdistan," she said, "by anti-revolutionary elements in the government."

She stayed in a prison near Tehran for three weeks before being released and later permitted to leave the country. She was not harmed.